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Presidents' Letters

It is a pleasure to welcome Dr. **Lynn Wittman** '76, as the newly elected President of the Alumni Association of The New England College of Optometry. The position of President is not necessarily one filled with rich rewards. One is asked to continue old traditions while being expected to chart new paths, to volunteer time and energy when others have neither, and to forge a supportive relationship between College and alumni in the midst of diverse opinion. But the rewards can be meaningful. As an example, several years ago the College's endowed Alumni Scholarship Fund grew out of the Association's vision, financial resources, and commitment. This Scholarship Fund is permanently endowed and will benefit students at The New England College of Optometry in perpetuity. One or two significant outcomes in the tenure of any president will make the effort worthwhile and leave a lasting legacy for the advancement of this institution. Lynn is ready for that challenge. I am confident that she will bring a vision far greater than mine to her new role, and that her enthusiasm and spirit will ensure success in our alumni programs throughout her tenure. It will be a privilege to work with Dr. Wittman.

The change in alumni leadership is not the only transition this year. The College continues to make important strides in its educational and research programs. This issue of *Perspective* will update you on a number of important announcements in this regard. Perhaps the most visible change for our community in 1997 will be the construction of a new library facility. In late summer, we expect to begin the renovation of 420 Beacon Street, the College library building. This is the last major phase of the Beacon Street renovation master plan and is the most complex that we have undertaken to date. The project will involve the total restoration and preservation of the existing library building, and a new single story addition designed to resemble the original carriage house that once stood at the rear of the original townhouse. The renovated spaces will house a new library facility on the lower floor adjacent to a new cafeteria. Upper floors will house faculty and administrative offices, vision science research laboratories, and seminar/conference rooms. Importantly, the project will involve the historical restoration of the library building's main floor. The result will be a dramatic renewal and expansion of our facilities.

If you would like a firsthand update of the changes occurring at the College, pay us a visit. We would be happy to welcome you back. After all, it is the encouragement and support of alumni and friends today that enables us to be successful in meeting the challenges of tomorrow.

Larry R Clausen OD

Dr. Larry Clausen
President

As I pick up the reins of the Alumni Association, I am reminded of how constant, disquieting, and exciting change is. The profession of optometry has grown so much since I graduated from the then Massachusetts College of Optometry in 1976. The challenges we have faced and will continue to face have tested our profession; we have risen to every challenge without respite. This has not been without cost to our energies and optimism.

This is where I see our alumni organization coming in, as one resource for alumni to gather strength, skills, and the collegiality necessary to forge ahead. The College is a great asset for the profession, a link for us as alumni with our past and a bridge to our future. I see our Alumni Association as a vehicle for us to move forward and give back to the College at the same time.

I begin my duties with the implementation of the 18th Annual Career Seminar held at the College for all students. I have tapped some of our alumni and found them to be magnanimous in their willingness to come back to the College and share their time and wisdom with our future colleagues.

Secondly, we are setting up a WebPage to enhance communication with you. Eventually, it will be interactive allowing you to log in with ideas, comments, and requests. **Kerry Campbell**, Director of Alumni Affairs, is also at the College facilitating and supporting the Alumni Association. Kerry has a welcoming manner and good follow through.

My genuine hope in accepting the Presidency of the Alumni Association is that there will be renewed energy and interchange in our organization. Along those lines, it was decided at the last Alumni Association Board meeting to include **four hours of College sponsored continuing education** in with the 1997 $75 alumni dues (applicable to life members as well). Those who have gone before us have paid their dues, let us do the same and have some fun while we're at it.

Lynn Wittman OD.

Dr. Lynn Wittman '76
Alumni Association President

Faculty News

College Receives $1.7 Million Grant

Drs. Jane Gwiazda and Daniel Kurtz '82, have received separate grants totaling more than $1.7 million to fund a clinical trial designed to slow the progression of myopia in children. The study, "Correction Of Myopia Evaluation Trial" (COMET), received grant support from the National Eye Institute, a branch of the National Institutes of Health.

Much research has been focused on the development of myopia, including work done at the College's Myopia Research Center. Studies done in animal models have implicated blur as a factor leading to myopia. In addition, findings from Dr. Gwiazda's laboratory have shown that myopic children tend to underaccommodate — presumably resulting in blurred vision at near. These lines of evidence suggest that a clinical intervention, such as specially fabricated eyeglass lenses which help maintain a clear image at all distances, could slow the progression of myopia. Researchers involved in COMET will investigate this possibility.

Previous studies have examined similar treatments with equivocal yet suggestive results. However, there were limitations with these prior studies which make it difficult to draw strong conclusions. COMET has been designed to be the definitive study in this area.

COMET researchers Kenneth Grice, Dan Kurtz '82, and Jane Gwiazda.

The COMET project will follow a total of 450 children at four clinical centers for five years. Dr. Gwiazda will chair this project, overseeing clinical centers at the College, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry, University of Houston College of Optometry, and the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, and a data coordinating center at the State University of New York at Stony Brook School of Medicine. Dr. Kurtz will lead the clinical center located at the College. Recruitment of children will begin in the fall of 1997 and continue for one year.

Combined, the grants of Drs. Gwiazda and Kurtz will support eight positions, both full and part-time, at the College. While this phase of the study focuses on children who are already myopic, it is hoped that future trials may concentrate on at-risk children. Thus, a true preventive intervention for myopia may be possible.

Thomas Freddo Wins $1 Million NEI Grant

Thomas F. Freddo, '76, O.D., Ph.D., F.A.A.O., an associate professor of ophthalmology, pathology and anatomy at The Boston University Medical Center and an Adjunct Professor of Optometry at the College was recently awarded a four year $1 million grant from the National Eye Institute to continue his studies into the mechanisms underlying repair of the blood-aqueous barrier in anterior uveitis. He was the recipient of the Glenn Fry Award in 1992 for his work in this area. Dr. Freddo currently serves as a member of the Editorial Board of *Optometry and Vision Science* and as a member of the National Institutes of Health Visual Sciences. He was co-organizer of the Aqueous Humor Dynamics and Glaucoma Sessions for the recent International Society for Eye Research meeting in Yokohama, Japan. He is also the incoming chair of the Vision Science Section of the American Academy of Optometry and a vice president of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists. Dr. Freddo maintains a private practice at The Boston Medical Center Hospital where he also directs the Eye Pathology Service.

Faculty Presenters at the Academy Meeting

College faculty, students and affiliates enjoyed a stellar showing among the presenters at the American Academy of Optometry's annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, December 5-9, 1996. The topics were varied, as is evidenced by the following titles:

- **Dorothy Bazzinotti** '90, O.D., **Nancy Carlson** '77, O.D., **Roger Wilson** '80, O.D.
  The Comprehensive Clinical Performance Grid for Student Evaluation
- **Ann Chang**, ODII, **Joseph Bauer**, M.S., **Kenneth Grice**, B.S., **Frank Thorn** '79, O.D., Ph.D., **Jane Gwiazda**, Ph.D.
  Myopic Adults are Exophoric at Near, Myopic Children are Not
- **Gary Chu** '95, O.D., **Nita Saini**, ODIV
  Leber's Miliary Aneurysms: A Recent Case Outlying the Clinical Criteria for its Diagnosis and its Comparison to Coat's Disease
- **Susan Gromacki**, O.D., M.S.
  Corneal Response to Four Consecutive Years of Contact Lens Wear
- **Susan Gromacki**, O.D., M.S.
  The Process of Fitting an RGP Contact Lens to an Eye Traumatized Two Days Following Radial Keratotomy
- **David Heath** '83, O.D., Ed.M.
  The Application of Outcome-Based Measures in the Optometric Curriculum
- **Douglas Hoffman** '80, O.D.
  Cyclocongestive Angle Closure Glaucoma: A Diagnostic Challenge
- **Glen McCormack**, O.D., Ph.D.
  The Practical Impact of Refractive and Cataract Surgery on Aniseikonia
- **Kathryn Bisceglia Miller** '82, O.D., **Richard Laudon** '75, O.D.
  The Ocular Manifestations and Management in C.H.A.R.G.E. Association: Six Case Reports
- **Kathryn Bisceglia Miller** '82, O.D., **Joanne Caruso** '85, O.D.
  Wolfram Syndrome: The Ocular Manifestations and Low Vision Management of This Rare Neurodegenerative Disorder
- Elise Ciner, O.D., Paulette Schmidt, O.D., M.S., Dale Allen, O.D., Ph.D., **Lynn Cyert** '80, Ph.D., O.D., Velma Dobson, Ph.D., Maureen Maguire, Ph.D., **Bruce Moore** '75, O.D., Deborah Orel-Bixler, Ph.D., O.D., Janet Schultz, CPNP
  A National Survey of State Policies on Vision Screening of Preschool Children: An Update
- **Lynn Cyert** '80, Ph.D., O.D., **Bruce Moore** '75, O.D.
  Handicapping Vision Disorders
- **Lynn Cyert** '80, Ph.D., O.D., Dale Allen, O.D., Ph.D., Elise Ciner, O.D., Velma Dobson, Ph.D., Maureen Maguire, Ph.D., **Bruce Moore** '75, O.D., Deborah Orel-Bixler, O.D., Ph.D., Paulette Schmidt, O.D., M.S., Janet Schultz, CPNP
  Preschool Children's Vision Screening Study Group: NEI Planning Grant
- **Glara Yi**, ODII, **Michael Marino**, ODIII, **David Troilo**, Ph.D.
  Changes in Choroid Thickness and Axial Eye Growth Following Experimentally-Induced Myopia
- **Ronald Watanabe**, O.D., **Robert Capone** '90, O.D.
  Lattice Corneal Dystrophy - Case Presentation and Management
- **Roger Wilson** '80, O.D.
  The Tenure Track Clinical Educator: Mission Impossible!
- **Thomas Freddo** '76, O.D., Ph.D., Chair of Visual Science Section
  Joint Symposium on Keratoconjunctivitis Sicca: Introduction and Overview
- Peter Bergenske, O.D., Charles Brownlow, O.D., Barbara Caffery '77, O.D., Linda Casser, O.D., Sally Dillehay, O.D., Joan Exford, O.D., Merton Flom, O.D., **Thomas Freddo** '76, O.D., Ph.D., N. Rex Ghormley, O.D., A. Norman Haffner, O.D., Ph.D., Richard Hopping, O.D., Penelope Kegel-Flom, Ph.D., Melvin Wolfberg, O.D., Karla Zadnik, O.D., Ph.D.
  Fundamentals on Leadership

Faculty News (cont.)

- Felix M. Barker, II, O.D., M.S., Vice-Chair, Primary Care Section, James E. Sheedy, O.D., Ph.D., President, Optometric Research Institute, **Eli Peli** '83, O.D., Ph.D., Chair, Visual Science Section
  Joint Symposium with Section on Visual Science: The Art of Refraction - How Technology Affects the Fundamental Optometric Task
- **Susan Rodgin** '84, O.D.
  Iris Neovascularization: Not for Diabetes/CRVO Only
- **Steven Koevary**, Ph.D., Rachel Caspi, Ph.D. *Prevention of Experimental Autoimmune Uveo-Retinitis by Intrathymic S-Antigen Injection*
- Eric White, O.D., **Kenneth Lebow**, O.D., Bobby Christensen, O.D., Robert Bevington, O.D., **Ronald Cedrone**, '78, O.D.
  Citrate-Containing Lens Care Regimens Provide Superior Cleanliness and Wearing Comfort of Soft Lenses

1997 Vision Science and Its Applications Conference

Sponsored by the Optical Society of America and the American Academy of Optometry, the 1997 Vision Science and Its Applications Conference was held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, from January 31 through February 3.

The College was represented by the following individuals:

- **Nancy Coletta**, Associate Professor of Optics
- **James Comerford** '78, Professor of Physiological Optics and Chair, Department of Vision Science and Public Health
- **Jane Gwiazda**, Associate Professor of Vision Science and Director of the Children's Vision Laboratory
- **Amy Pruszenski** '93, Instructor of Optometry
- **Frank Thorn** '79, Professor of Vision Science
- **David Troilo**, Associate Professor of Bioscience and Myopia Research Center Researcher

The following papers were presented by College faculty and students:

- *Insufficient Accommodation: Does It Occur Before the Onset of Myopia in Children*, by Dr. **Gwiazda**, **Joseph Bauer**, Children's Vision Laboratory Research Scientist, and **Kenneth Grice**, Children's Vision Laboratory Research Associate.
- *Assessment of Lateral Interaction Across the Visual Fields Using Hermann Grid Contrast Thresholds*, by Dr. **Comerford** '78, **Steve Perryman**, ODIII, Dr. **Pruszenski** '93, Dr. **Thorn** '79, and Dr. **Richard Held**, Director of Research and Research Education.
- *The Temporal Characteristics of Eye Growth Control Mechanisms Differ Following Optic Nerve Section*, by Dr. **Troilo**, **Ellie Frances**, PODI, and **Glara Yi**, ODII.

Discussants of papers and posters were:

- Dr. **Jane Gwiazda** leading a discussion of the paper, *Identification of Convergence Accommodation in Infants Aged 3 to 6 months.*
- Dr. **Nancy Coletta** leading a discussion of the poster, *Object-based Stimulus Specification Within a Psychophysical Testing Platform.*
- Dr. **David Troilo** leading a discussion of the paper, *The Influence of Defocus-Induced Myopia and Hyperopia on Serotonergic and Dopaminergic Amacrine Cells in Chick Retina.*

Dr. Jane Gwiazda was selected chair of the Program Committee which will be meeting at the College in the fall of 1997 to plan the 1998 conference.

College News

A Library for the 21st Century

As part of the larger plan to renovate College facilities, The New England College of Optometry is in the enviable position of having the opportunity to completely re-think and re-build its library for the 21st century.

Excited by the prospect of designing a libraty that both values the past and embraces the future as a technologically sophisticated center of learning and research, we envision a library reachable beyond the College through any computet port. We envision a library that provides access to a variety of information resources in many formats to constituencies both on and off site.

In more practical terms, the process of building both the structure and infrastructure of the new information environment is underway. Taking what is, perhaps, the biggest first step toward establishing the library's technology base, we have chosen and purchased the SIRSI Unicorn system. This fully integrated library automation system will, among other things, enable faculty, staff, alumni, and other interested constituencies to access the library from any computer anywhere through the World Wide Web.

Work on the design of the new library is also progressing. This facility promises to offer many of the amenities and characteristics that our community of users has long desired, such as a mix of group and quiet study spaces, both comfortable and more formal seating, ample access to computers and electronic resources, and space to house archives and rare books. Also, in contrast to its current stand-alone location, the library will be fully connected to the rest of the College and centered at the heart of campus life and activity.

The New England College of Optometry library is poised to greet the 21st century as an information center of energy, beauty and grace, well-prepared not only for what the future has to offer, but also for what it will demand.

International Programs in France

In December 1996 an agreement was signed between the Institut et Centre D'Optometrie, Bures Sur Yvette, France, and The New England College of Optometry to deliver a Certificate of Advanced Study Program at the Institut. The purpose of the program is to deliver courses over a two year period to graduates of the Institut in order to prepare them for the European Diploma of Optometry Examination. This program is under the coordination of Dr. **Joanne Caruso** '85. Courses include Vision Testing and Diagnosis, Environmental Vision, Ocular Myology, Anomalies of Binocular Vision, Binocular and Accommodative Anomalies, and Strabismus and Amblyopia. The first module took place from February 10-14, 1997. Drs. **Richard Laudon** '75, and **Frank Thorn** '79, traveled to the Institut et Centre D'Optometrie to present material on Binocular and Accommodative Anomalies and Vision Testing and Diagnosis. The next module is scheduled for April 7-11 with Drs. **Glen McCormack** and **James Comerford** '78, presenting Ocular Myology and Environmental Vision. The students will be traveling to the College for the third module from June 9-13, 1997.

Arthur Roberts, CFO, Resigns

Arthur Roberts, Chief Financial Officer for the College for over two decades, has accepted the position of Vice President of Finance at Partner Provider Health, Inc., in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Arthur joined Dr. **Barry Barresi** '77, the company's president, to establish this new managed care organization in November.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Roberts

Art first came to the College in 1970 and, although he has held several titles, he was the College's Chief Financial Officer for the past 26 years. Art not only kept the College informed and up-to-date in all financial matters, but also was pivotal in setting up the computer system at the College.

Congratulations and best of luck to Art in this new endeavor!

College News (cont.)

Dr. Raymond Dye

Raymond Dye Named Dean of Student Affairs

Dr. **Raymond Dye** was named Dean of Student Affairs at the College in October 1996. He holds a Ph.D. in organizational behavior, with a major in higher education administration; and a Master's degree in student affairs and counseling psychology. In his twenty-five year tenure in higher education, most of his positions have been at large state universities. He has worked as a psychotherapist at colleges and in private practice, has held several positions as assistant vice chancellor, and has held three vice presidencies.

Dr. Dye became interested in Student Affairs out of a "strong social service need to help other people and to make the world more humane." Initially working as a counselor and psychotherapist at a college, he became interested in facilitating organizational change. "I decided to become a student affairs administrator so I could make an impact on the education of students." His philosophy is to educate people and help them grow to the maximum of their capabilities.

His vision for the College is to adapt the liberal arts education philosophy to optometric education as much as possible. "Students need to debate the ethics of what they do with other students and faculty. They need to exchange ideas on medical education, delivery of health care, HMO issues, and the practice of prescribing medications and treating certain kinds of diseases."

Identifying several activities for facilitating communication with students, Dr. Dye promises to "have a closer working relationship with student government, keep my door open so that all students can walk in and talk about anything that they want, sponsor forums and seminars where students can discuss issues and make recommendations for enhancing their education and life here, and communicate on Student Affairs through a quarterly or occasional newsletter."

To speak with Dr. Raymond Dye further, feel free to call him at 617/236-6163.

College Expands International Programs to Israel

Dr. **Bina Patel**, Director of the College's Center for the International Advancement of Optometry (CIAO), has announced the initiation of a faculty mentoring program with the Department of Optometry at the Hadassah Academic College located in Jerusalem, Israel. Under this program, faculty will be sent to Israel on a rotating basis to work with faculty at the Hadassah College. Their goals are to develop course curriculums, curriculum tracts, and laboratory and clinical programs.

The Department of Optometry is headed by Dr. Gene Stollman, former College adjunct clinical faculty member. He is the former Director of the Optometry Department at Hadassah Hospital, a College clinical rotation site from 1976-1994. The school is in its second year with a freshman and sophomore class each consisting of thirty students. The Optometry Department shares a very modern facility with nine other academic and technical departments. The school in Jerusalem is one of only two optometry schools in Israel to be accredited by the Council of Education of the Ministry of Health.

Drs. Gene Stollman and Walter Potaznick in front of the school.

The first faculty member to informally start this program was Dr. **Walter Potaznick** '76. Taking time from a vacation to Israel, Dr. Potaznick met with the full-time

faculty, advising them in the areas of OTM and developing clinical programs. He also provided the CIAO with a report on the facilities, library, faculty, and clinic potential based on a personal site visit.

Faculty scheduled to go in the near future include Drs. **Ernie Loewenstein** '77, **Lou Frank** '76, and **Bill Chauncey** '80. Dr. Stollman is looking forward to again working in the clinical areas.

ASCO and AOA Launch Partnership Foundation

A new foundation providing financial support for the advancement of optometric education and related special needs of the profession, the Partnership Foundation for Optometric Education, has been established. It was created by founding partners of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry and the American Optometric Association as a direct outcome of the Georgetown Summit on Optometric Education. The Summit urged all state, regional and national entities, along with the schools and colleges of optometry, to contribute to an educational trust and add on a sum of $1 per registrant for each credit hour of continuing education provided.

The Partnership is governed by a board of directors including Jerald W. Strickland, O.D., president; John A. McCall, O.D., president-elect; **Larry R. Clausen**, O.D., Ed.D., secretary-treasurer; T. Joel Byars, O.D., at-large executive committee; Michael D. Jones, O.D.; and Thomas L. Lewis, O.D. The executive director is Martin A. Wall. The Partnership is currently housed in the ASCO office in Rockville, Maryland.

South Boston Community Health Center Expands Eye Clinic

As the third in a series of clinic expansions, the eye clinic at the South Boston Community Health Center has recently moved to new quarters. Located two blocks from its original site, the eye clinic shares one of four newly renovated health

South Boston's new Community Health Center.

center buildings with Dental, WIC, and Mental Health Services. Its physical layout has gone from a two and one half unit of under 800 square feet to a five unit of almost 4,000 square feet. Besides the five refracting lanes, there are separate examination rooms for ocular photography, automated visual fields, ophthalmology and outpatient minor surgery, faculty offices, student/resident library, patient education space, and a dispensing work area. This modern facility has a large reception area, separate adult and pediatric waiting areas, and a new frame dispensary. The eye clinic meets all Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations requirements. Dr. **Walter Potaznick** '76, "wants to thank all the former clinicians who endured the cramped space and chaotic scheduling. Many of the ideas for the expansion came directly from the students when they rotated here."

Alumni, especially former students assigned to the South Boston Eye Clinic, are invited to see the new facility. Please contact Dr. Potaznick at 617/464-5800 to arrange a visit.

Alumni News

Attention Class of 1977!

When was the last time you saw any of the "Belmont Boys?" How about the rest of the "LBC?" Do you remember hearing Barbara Caffery at our graduation talk about the trials and tribulations of a female Canadian adjusting to life in Boston and learning that ". . .the Boston Bruins never lose but on occasion suffer a setback due to bad officiating?" Did you know that Bill Seefeld went to medical school and that Margot Costa went to law school? Do you know which members of our class are faculty members at the College? Do you wonder what the rest of the Class of 1977 is doing 20 years later?

Now is your chance to catch up with your classmates while earning ten hours of continuing education credit! The Third Annual Alumni Continuing Education Weekend will be held on Saturday, October 25 and Sunday, October 26, 1997 at the Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Barbara Caffery will be the keynote speaker. Our 20th Class Reunion Dinner will be held Saturday evening, October 25 at the Copley Plaza Hotel.

While you are in Boston, be sure to visit the renovated College facilities at 424 Beacon Street and the New England Eye Institute (NEEI) at 1255 Boylston Street. The classroom on the third floor, river side of Beacon Street, where we spent many, many hours is now the Office of the Dean of Academic Affairs. NEEI, located right behind Fenway Park, replaces the "General Clinic" at 472 Commonwealth Avenue in Kenmore Square where we all saw our first patients. Miraculously, both the students and the patients survived this ordeal! You will be proud to be an alumnus when you see how much the College has grown and changed. Someone has finally paid attention to Al Mastraccio who told us at graduation ". . . how the educational process of which we have been a part might have been more stimulating and valuable to us."

You will be receiving information soon with further details on how to register for the Reunion/CE Weekend. Hope to see the entire Class of '77 in October.

Members of the Class of '77 began celebrating their reunion at the '96 Alumni Reception at the Academy Meeting in Orlando, Florida. L to R: W. Chris Holcomb (one of the "Belmont Boys"), Paulette Turco, Nancy Carlson, and Steve Byrnes.

Save the Date for Your Reunion

Classes of 1947, 1972, 1977, and 1987

October 25, 1997 • Copley Plaza Hotel during the Third Annual Alumni Weekend

Watch your mail for further details.

If you are interested in working on your Class Reunion, please call Kerry Campbell, Director of Alumni Affairs, at 1-800-824-5526 or 617/236-6285.

Free Pediatric Services for the Children of Alumni

The Pediatric and Binocular Vision Service of the New England Eye Institute offers comprehensive and preventative vision care for infants, pre-school, and school aged children. All pediatric patients receive a comprehensive vision examination, including tests for the health of the eyes, refraction, accommodation, eye tracking, and binocular vision coordination of both eyes. This evaluation is designed to identify any visual problems so that an appropriate strategy can be developed to address each child's specific needs. Optometric treatment approaches range from eyeglasses to rehabilitative programs. Services include:

- Infant/Toddler Care
- Strabismus/Amblyopia Evaluation & Treatment
- Low Vision
- Visual Perceptual Testing
- Vision Therapy
- Contact Lenses

Because vision affects a child's development in a number of areas, pediatric vision specialists need to work closely as a team with educational and psychological consultants. This interdisciplinary involvement allows us to determine priorities and to make individually tailored recommendations.

Some children have vision problems that may contribute to poor school performance. The team optometrist, working in conjunction with special educators and the school psychologist, will diagnose and treat patients with vision problems that contribute to psychosocial and educational difficulties.

A comprehensive optometric assessment will be performed to analyze visual skills that play an important role in visual attention, including the eyes' ability to focus, track, and coordinate. By eliminating or minimizing any vision problems, a child is better able to participate efficiently in schoolwork and other daily demands.

About The Staff

The New England Eye Institute has a dedicated staff of highly educated, experienced, and motivated specialists in pediatric optometry and vision disorders, and is comprised of **Jack Richman**, O.D., Director of Pediatrics and Binocular Vision Service, **Richard C. Laudon**, '75, O.D., **Bruce Moore**, '75, O.D., **Stacy Ayn Lyons**, '88, O.D., **Michele L. Ader**, O.D., **Louis Frank**, '76, O.D., Chief of the Low Vision Service, and **Celia Hinrichs**, '79, O.D.

The Pediatric and Binocular Vision Service of the New England Eye Institute invites children of Alumni (newborn to 12 years of age) to receive a comprehensive vision examination free of charge.

If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment for your child, please feel free to call Ms. Paula McIntosh at 617/236-6318.

Continuing Education Update

The Center for Continuing Education (CCE) at the College has continued to offer broad appeal to New England optometrists by presenting a wide variety of courses and topics in the area of post graduate optometric education. The CCE kicked off the year on January 12 with a diverse program which included speakers and topics in the area of practice management, pediatrics, and primary care.

This year's inaugural program saw the first ever brother team of Drs. **Irwin** '80 and **Leonard Shwom** '76, and similarly the first father-son team of Dr. **Paul White** '61, and Mr. Jonathan White. The importance of community involvement and the significant role this commitment plays in building a practice was addressed by the father-son pair.

Dr. Irwin Shwom, Clinical Instructor for the Mechanical Optics Laboratory at the College, and his brother, Leonard, presented an interesting perspective on the optical side of ophthalmic practice. The competitive aspect of the optical environment was discussed as it relates to staff issues, pricing policies, frame selection, and the marketplace.

Additional practice management topics were covered by Dr. **Gary Moss** '74, Practice Management Course Coordinator at the College. Dr. Moss discussed the emergence of physician practice management companies, and proposed some strategies for the primary care optometrist to sell or merge his practice with existing management companies.

Center for Continuing Education

A concurrent series of grand rounds lectures was offered by the clinical faculty. An interesting array of case studies was presented by Drs. **Robert Capone** '90, **Gary Chu** '95, **Richard Jamara** '80, **Bina Patel**, **Ronald Watanabe**, and **Nadia Zalatimo**.

The afternoon session was devoted to evaluation and management of the pre-school pediatric patient with vision problems. Dr. **Bruce Moore** '75, the recently appointed Marcus Professor of Clinical Studies, discussed amblyopia and Dr. **Jack Richman**, Chief of the Pediatric/Binocular Vision Service, presented an overview of strabismus for the primary care optometrist. Dr. **Richard Laudon** '75, rounded out the afternoon session with a presentation on learning disabilities.

Future programs are planned including the second annual Therapeutic Laser Certification program slated for May 28-30 at The New England College of Optometry.

Continuing Education Calendar for 1997

March 24	Evaluation of the Nerve-Fiber Layer	1 1/2 Hours	College
April 6	Ocular Surface Disorders	6 Hours	College
April 17	Ophthalmic Imaging	1 1/2 Hours	College
April 27	Neuro Eye Disease and Clinical Update	6 Hours	Hotel Northhampton
April 28	Taking the "Omas" out of Glaucoma	1 1/2 Hours	College
May 5	Neuroophthalmic Grand Rounds	1 1/2 Hours	College
May 28-29	Laser Certification Program	15 HoursCollege	
June 11	Practice Management/ Infection Control	3 Hours	College
August 13	Practice Management/ Infection Control	3 Hours	College
September 22	Advanced Care	5 Hours	College
October 25 & 26	Alumni Weekend	10 Hours	Copley Plaza
November 19	Retina Update	5 Hours	Marlborough

Please contact Ms. Karen Soares in the Center for Continuing Education at 1-800-272-5314 or 617/236-6311 if you have any questions or would like to register for any of the courses.

Dr. Clinton L. Wilson: Making the College a Better Place.

After successfully practicing optometry for more than 50 years, Dr. Clinton Wilson '43, is ready to enjoy retirement, and his alma mater is helping him to structure his retirement income through a charitable annuity trust of about $250,000.

Clint Wilson's long-time practice in neighboring Waltham made it possible to maintain close ties with The New England College of Optometry. Clint is a life member of the Alumni Association and has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1978. He now serves as Secretary of the Board and has chaired the College's Personnel Committee since 1979.

"I receive a lot of pleasure making contributions to the College," Dr. Wilson says. "I've seen tremendous improvements and change in both the College and optometric education, and I am thrilled with the institution and its faculty."

Dr. Clinton L. Wilson

Dr. Wilson first took an interest in supporting The New England College of Optometry at his tenth year reunion, when one of his colleagues convinced him it was time to "give back" to the profession. He has been a strong supporter ever since. "If we can make the College a better place for those to follow, we should."

In that spirit, Dr. Wilson has established an annuity trust which will provide an income stream to him during his lifetime. The assignment of highly appreciated real estate to fund the trust avoids the payment of both an immediate and significant capital gains tax if the property were sold, and the eventual estate taxes on the value of the property. At the same time, Dr. Wilson will receive a charitable tax deduction and has created a source of additional retirement income. "This has provided a way to help the College without reducing income to myself," he says.

In addition to his support of the College, he is active in the community. He is a past president of the Waltham Rotary Club and an officer in Scottish Rite Masonry. For ten years he paraded with the Aleppo Shriners as a drummer in the Colonial Minutemen Fife and Drum Corps. Dr. Wilson has also been active in the optometry profession for over a half-century, serving as President of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists from 1969-1970 and continuing as secretary of the Society until 1976.

Later this year, Dr. Wilson plans to retire from his practice and is gratified to know that his donation to The New England College of Optometry will help to educate the next generation of eye care professionals. Although his gift is unrestricted, it is given as part of the *2000 In Sight* campaign which has as one of its central purposes an endowed student scholarship fund of $2.5 million. Dr. Wilson's gift is an important step toward the College's campaign goal.

Charles Mullen '69, Named President of ICO

Alumnus **Charles F. Mullen** was named president of the Illinois College of Optometry (ICO) after a six month nationwide search. Dr. Mullen officially joined ICO on December 1.

For the past six years, Dr. Mullen served as the director of optometry service for the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; the largest optometric patient care and clinical education program in the United States. Prior to this, he headed The Eye Institute of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry for 14 years; from 1969-1976, he served as special assistant to the president for clinical development at The New England College of Optometry.

Dr. Charles Mullen, President of the Illinois College of Optometry.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Dr. Mullen to the college," said Dr. John F. Brandt, chairman of ICO's Board of Trustees. "With his background and experience in optometric patient care, education and research, Dr. Mullen is the right leader to build on ICO's strong traditions and move the college into the next century."

Dr. Mullen received his Doctor of Optometry degree from The New England College of Optometry in 1969 and his B.A. in Anthropology/Sociology from the University of Virginia in 1962. In 1992, Dr. Mullen received the Alumni Association's highest honor, "Alumnus of the Year." This award recognizes an alum's exemplary service and commitment to the College and/or the profession.

Alumnus/a of the Year Nominations

The nomination ballot below offers alumni an opportunity to submit a nomination for the College's Alumnus/a of the Year award. The award will be presented at the Third Annual Alumni (CE) Weekend in Boston October 25-26. All nominations will be reviewed by the Alumni Association's Nomination Committee. The nominator may also present the award to the recipient if he or she chooses; otherwise, the committee will designate an appropriate individual. The Alumnus/a of the Year award recognizes an alum's exemplary service and commitment to the College and/or profession.

Alumnus/a of the Year Ballot

Nominee Name _____

Class _____

Nominator Name _____

Address _____

City _____ *State* _____ *Zip Code* _____

Home Phone # _____ *Office Phone #* _____

I nominate _____ *for Alumnus/a of the Year 1997.*

Signature _____

* **Note:** Please include a one paragraph proposal for your nominee's candidacy on a separate sheet of paper. The Nomination Committee will contact you for additional information, if necessary.

Please mail no later than August 1, 1997, to:
The New England College of Optometry
Office of Alumni Affairs
424 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02115
or fax: 617/424-9202

Second Annual Alumni Weekend

Second Annual Alumni Weekend Storms Boston

Record breaking wind and rain in Boston did not dampen the enthusiasm of 100 participants at the Second Annual Alumni Weekend last October.

The weekend included an array of social events, continuing education programs, a special symposium on contact lenses, and lectures presented by a panel of nationally recognized experts including Drs. **Murray Fingeret** '76, **Samuel Baron** '71, and **Richard Lippman** '68.

Saturday evening's Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Dinner was well attended by alumni and class reunioners of 1976 and 1986. Several Alumni Association Awards were presented as well. The 1996 Alumnus of the Year Award was presented to Dr. **Ronald Ferrucci** '74, for his dedication to the College and his years of advocacy for Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Legislation in Massachusetts. President **Larry Clausen** stated, "Dr. Ronald Ferrucci graduated from The New England College of Optometry in 1974. From the time he graduated, he has been actively involved with organized optometric activities. He has served in many different capacities in local, state, and national optometric societies and organizations."

Drs. Thom Freddo (Distinguished Service Award recipient), Ron Ferrucci (Alumnus of the Year 1996), President Larry Clausen, & Walter Potaznick (Alumni Association Service Award) receiving their prestigious awards during the Alumni Association's Annual Meeting & Dinner.

Two Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Drs. **Thomas Freddo** '76 and **Walter Potaznick** '76. Dr. Freddo was recognized for his achievement and scholarship in optometry. Dr. Potaznick was applauded for his nine years of service and dedication to the Alumni Association.

Members of the class of 1986 gather for their 10th reunion.

Class of 1976 reunioners gather for a great time during Alumni Weekend.

Mrs. Kamens, Drs. Kamens, Corwin, & Carlson.

Do you recognize any of these 20 year reunioners?

College Hosts Memorable Alumni

The College travels south for SECO.

On Friday, February 28 the College hosted its second annual cocktail reception during the 74th Southern Educational Congress of Optometry (SECO) in Atlanta, Georgia at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. The reception was held in honor of alumni and attended by many of our "Southern" friends.

What happened in Orlando?

Over 250 alumni gathered for the College's annual alumni cocktail reception during the American Academy of Optometry (AAO) Annual Meeting at Walt Disney World's Dolphin Hotel on December 7. A great time was had by all with many classmates reuniting and discussing plans for upcoming reunions (Especially the classes of 1947, 1972, 1977, and 1987).

SECO

SECO attendees Peter Pegolo '96, Donovan Green '92, & Tracy Snowden '93.

Michael D. Jones, O.D., President-elect of AOA; President Larry R. Clausen, and Jeffrey G. Mays, Executive Director of AOA.

Shawn Hobbs '92, & his wife enjoying the alumni reception.

Dr. Alan L. Lewis '65, Dean of the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University; Dr. David Loshin, Dean of the School of Optometry at the University of Missouri, St. Louis; President Larry Clausen, Linda Casser, an associate professor at Indiana University, School of Optometry; and Dr. Kenneth P. Taylor '77, of Arthur D. Little, Inc.

Orlando

Alumni & friends gathered with Mickey & Minnie Mouse for a great time!

Receptions

First Ever Alumni Booth during NECO!

This year marks the first time the College has hosted an alumni booth at the NECO Congress. The booth was filled with information on Continuing Education programs, the annual Dr. Foster Namias Scholarship Golf Tournament, alumni receptions, Alumni Weekend '97 (October 25-26), and more. Alumni Association board members graciously staffed the booth and answered questions and concerns of alumni.

The College also raffled off a special prize to one lucky winner: a free day of golf for two at the 14th Annual Dr. Foster Namias Scholarship Golf Tournament to be held on Monday, September 29 at the Marlborough Country Club. The lucky winner is Dr. **Barnet Shuman** '71, of Marblehead, MA. Congratulations, Dr. Shuman!

Drs. Hy Kamens '47, Bina Patel, Samira Soro '93, Frank Kozol '48, & Stephen Byrnes '77.

Attendees of the College's annual alumni reception.

Party goers Kerry O'Neal, ODIV, Kathryn Miller '82, Kathleen Krenzer '90, & Dorothy Bazzinotti '90.

Marc Bloomenstein '94, Steve Ferrucci '94, & David Lampariello '88.

NECO

Alumni Association President Lynn Wittman '76 and College President Larry Clausen greet alumni at the College's booth during NECO.

NECO booth visitors include Craig Brotsky '87, Dorothy Hitchmoth '96, Hy Kamens '47, Richard Lawless (Executive Director of the MSO), Neil Schram '71, & Srinivas Natrajan, '84.

Student News

VOSH Trip to Mexico

On March 2, 1997, twenty members of the Volunteer Optometric Service to Humanity (VOSH) gathered at Logan airport and flew to Mexico to start the second VOSH trip of this academic year. Three huge canopies installed in front of the government building were used as the clinic as patients waited. Arriving on the first morning, students were greeted by a massive applause from about 270 Mexicans waiting under the canopies for their examinations and glasses. Work began at 8:15 a.m. over a five day period in which slightly over 1,300 patients were seen, 1,500 pairs of glasses were given away, and a dozen glaucoma cases were treated.

The trip was a great success bringing the total number of people seen by VOSH this year to over 5,000. Help from Drs. **Bina Patel** and **Ilara Donarum** was greatly appreciated and made the trip a tremendous learning experience as well as a great humanitarian service to the underprivileged.

Two happy patients seen by VOSH students.

Rohit Sharma, ODII, with a VOSH patient.

Over 200 patients wait each morning to be seen by VOSH volunteers.

Scholarship News

Alumni Association Scholarship Recipients

The Alumni Association is proud to announce the eight recipients of the Alumni Association Scholarship. Each year the Alumni Association grants $1,000 to students in good academic standing with demonstrated financial need.

Below are this year's Alumni Association Scholarship recipients:

- James Falconer, PODI, Waltham, MA
- Marnie Grice, ODII, Boston, MA
- Laura Kain, ODIV, Needham, MA
- Heather Lafone, ODI, Newport Beach, CA
- Thomas Lezaj, ODII, E. Greenwich, RI
- Cory Preston, ODI, Boston, MA
- Janet Rand, ODIII, Amherst, MA
- Gregory Stockbridge, ODI, Rome, NY

Congratulations!

Dear Dr. Potaznick:

I would like to thank you and the Alumni Association very much for the Alumni Association Scholarship. It is a wonderful honor and an important affirmation for a student in the middle of a challenging degree program. I'm certain you and the Association know all too well the financial burdens associated with pursuing such a degree and have recognized the value of the merit-based assistance you are providing. I look forward to joining and excelling in the optometric profession; this scholarship furthers and strengthens my goals. I would like to offer my deep appreciation for this award and assure you that this scholarship is as significant and meaningful as, I'm sure, its founders hoped. Once again, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Marnie Grice, ODII

The Beider Moral Obligation Scholarship Recipients

The College community celebrated the Beider Moral Obligation Scholarship recipients at a reception held at the College on February 21. The students receiving the award of $2,500 include:

ODIII Students:	ODIV Students:
Britt Adornato	Patrick Bessette
Kerry Kaplan	Kristen Boonie
Elizabeth Lobaugh	Stephen Lobaugh
Derek Maroun	Erik Weissberg

The scholarship was set up by alumnus, Warren H. Beider '26. Dr. Beider practiced optometry in New York for over 50 years before his death in 1980. He felt obligated to give his entire estate to the College to establish a scholarship for brilliant and needy students in recognition of the significant impact the College and optometry had on his life.

The eligibility criteria states that you must be a student in the third or fourth year of study, must have a cumulative GPA over 3.6, must be financially needy, and must be an "earnest and faithful student." The Moral Obligation of the scholarship is that each student receiving the award repay the grant made to them to replenish the scholarship in an amount at least equal to their awards within ten years of graduation.

Congratulations to all!

Mark Your Calendar!

The 14th Annual Dr. Foster Namias Scholarship Golf Tournament

Monday, September 29, 1997

Registration: 9:00 a.m. • Tee-Off Time: 9:30 a.m. • $85 per player includes: greens fee, cart, and dinner
Marlborough Country Club, Marlborough, MA

_____
Name

_____
Home Address *Home phone #*

_____
Business Address *Business phone #*

○ I would like to participate in the tournament at $85 per player or $340 per foursome. Please indicate amount paying: $ _____ . If playing in a foursome, list names on this form.

○ I would like to sponsor _____ student(s) to play golf at $250 per student. All student sponsors will be listed in the Golf Tournament Program.

○ I would like to sponsor a tee poster at $500. Please indicate on this form information you want printed on the tee poster (i.e. your name or your company name). All tee poster sponsors will be listed in the Golf Tournament Program.

Total Amount Paying: $ _____ ○ Enclosed is a check. ○ Listed below is my credit card information.

Please indicate: ○ Mastercard ○ VISA Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this form, with complete credit card information or check (payable to NEWENCO/Golf), to:
The New England College of Optometry, Office of Alumni Affairs, 424 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02115.
If paying by credit card, you may fax this form to 617/424-9202.

RSVP: Wednesday, September 3, 1997

Class Notes 1996-97

1940's

Herbert Iventash '42: Providence, RI; practices part-time and travels around the world to sites such as Belize, the Amazon basin, Turkey, and Mexico. Herbert took part in an archaeological dig in Istael for 3 weeks where he lost 7 lbs.

Ernest McVay '42: Riverside, RI; retired in 1993. Ernest has 4 children and 9 grandchildren, one who served on the USA sailing team in the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. He and his wife, Evelyn, plan to sail and travel spending their children's inheritance.

Dr. & Mrs. Paul Hoolahan's ('87) beautiful triplets, Erin, Paul, and Casey.

David Yorra '47: Boca Raton, FL; heads a large retirement community building.

Joseph V. Barresi '49: Fort Kent, ME; retired and enjoys summers in Maine and winters in Florida. Joseph has eight grandchildren. He corresponds with classmates Don Griggs '49 and Bill Farland '49.

C. Farrell Gallaway '49: Westwood, MA; sold his 35 year old practice in 1985. Dr. Gallaway is currently a consultant to Pearle Vision.

Richard M. Snow '49: Rockland, ME; since retiring in 1983, he volunteers his OD services each winter at a VA clinic in St. Petersburg, FL. He is a life member of AOA, NHOA, and belongs to the Order of Daedalians and the Mayflower Society.

1950's

Burton Gerson '50: Yarmouthport, MA; practices part-time with Fatima Garcia '92. Burton has 2 sons and 2 grandchildren. He lives in Boca Raton, FL each winter. Burton retains his membership in MSO and NECO.

David Kurland '50: River Edge, NJ; retired 6 years ago. David plays tennis and resides in FL for the winters. He keeps in touch with various classmates.

John A. Rodolico '50: Beverly, MA; since retiring in 1989, he enjoys traveling and spending time with his family. He is looking forward to a class reunion in the year 2000.

Egon R. Werthamer '50: Pikesville, MD; practices part-time and admits he enjoys it too much to give it up entirely. Egon has 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. He is currently serving on various committees including AOA's Commission on Ophthalmic Standards, and is secretary of the Vision Care Section of the American Public Health Association.

Hans M. Wolff '50: Hallandale, FL; retired in 1983 and enjoys being a great-grandfather. Hans also admits to becoming a beach bum.

G. Burtt Holmes '52: Naples, FL; is currently the chairman of The Whitaker Foundation, and the College's *2000 In Sight* Campaign. He was also the past president of the American Optometric Association and the International Optometric and Optical League.

Frances (Godfrey) Parker '52: Pensacola, FL; retired in 1995 and lost her husband in 1996. Frances has moved from Michigan to Florida where she is building a house. She keeps in touch with Dorothy (Galvin) Jodice '52 and Carmela (Domiano) Huffman '54.

Leonard Zuckerbraun '52: Preston, CT; is semi-retired. His son, Joel '82 is taking over the practice. Leonard was a past director of the Connecticut Optometric Association.

Carmine A. Guida '54: Stoneham, MA; has a full-time practice at home. Carmine is the President of Mass. Society to Prevent Blindness and is a board member of the Commission for the Blind.

Stanley J. Levine '54: Virginia Beach, VA; retired and has enjoyed traveling to places such as Hong Kong, China, Japan, and Korea. Stanley and his wife, Bobbie, have 2 grandchildren. He enjoys hang gliding and bungee jumping. He would like to hear from his classmates.

Morris Toll '54: Marblehead, MA; practicing 3 days a week. Morris has 5 grandchildren, all within 3 miles from his home.

Class of '79 friends Donna Gavin & Celia Hinrichs enjoy the warm weather last summer in Maine.

Lynde H. Kimball '57: Brattleboro, VT; travels with his wife, Connie, every year to conduct eye examinations in Honduras. Last year was his 14th consecutive year traveling to Honduras. Lynde is becoming more involved with vision therapy within his practice.

Maurice Edwards '59: Shrewsbury, MA; has a private practice. He and his wife, Janet, have 3 adult children: Maurice, Mark and Mary.

Class Notes

1960's

Gilbert F. Sellars '60: Henderson, NC; has 2 daughters, one a CPA, the other an attorney. Last year, Gilbert completed 7 years on AOA PAC Board of Directors. He keeps in contact with classmate Arthur Fields '60 and Mrs. Lois Martus.

Robert H. Honnors '63: Salinas, CA; became TPA certified this year and works in a group practice, which includes a part-time ophthalmologist. Robert recently ended eleven years of service on the National V.S.P. Board of Directors. Robert and his wife, Donna, have traveled to Berlin, Russia, and last summer to the Olympics in Atlanta.

These happy faces are the children of Dr. Nelson Jun '94.

Alan L. Lewis '65: Big Rapids, MI; is dean of the Michigan College of Optometry/Ferris State University, president of the U.S. National Committee/CIE and vice-president of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry.

Philip Linsky '65: Marblehead, MA; has a private practice and keeps in touch with classmates: Art Copeland '65 and Harry Pass '65. Philip is a member of AOA, NECO, and MSO.

Leonard Shaw '66: Bethel, ME; spends his winter vacations skiing at various New England ski hills. His children, Jon & Jeni are now 15, and enjoy skiing also. Lennie chaired the MOA '95 and '96 Spring CE meetings. He will host the '97 and '98 Fall CE meetings.

Ronald Millman '67: Randolph, NJ; has two children, Lisa and David, with wife, Merri. Ronald is an active member in his state optometric society and is a consultant to Qualcare.

Gerald G. Melore '68: Vancouver, WA; involved with the AOA research committee, and is editing a book titled "Treating Ocular Problems of the Older Adult."

Mary Scott '68: South Natick, MA; reports that daughter, Kim, got married in October '96, and son, Michael, is a senior at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Mary is an alumni representative to the College Board of Trustees.

Jon B. Volovick '69: Lexington, MA; has owned a private practice for the past 2 decades in Burlington, MA. His son, David, is a graduate of Wheaton College and daughter, Lisa, is a student at Bentley College.

1970's

Robert M. Resnick '70: Forest, VA; has been in the same location for 15 years, specializing in contact lenses. With his children grown, Robert reports he loves his "empty nest." Robert is currently the president of SW Virginia Optometric Society, and is very active in optometric legislation.

Miles W. Press '71: Fredericksburg, VA; has a private practice and says he has developed a paperless office with all hi-tech equipment from video imaging to all patient files on computer. Miles has one grandson, Matthew.

Carl Azzoto '74: North Syracuse, NY; took a trip with wife, Colleen, and 3 daughtets to the Nile Valley in Egypt. Carl is a member of AOA and NYSOA.

Kenneth S. Kublin '74: Plainville, MA; says that after 22 years in practice, he can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel. He and his wife, Claire, travel frequently and plan to go to New Zealand in the future.

Ross Schwartz '74: Morganville, NJ; has had a partnership with Stephen Zigman '74 for the past 20 years. Ross has 3 children aged: 15, 13, and 10. Ross is the co-chairman of Jersey Shore OEP Study Group and is a member of AOA and NJOA.

Stephen Zigman '74: Englishtown, NJ; has a partnership with Ross Schwartz '74, which emphasizes behavioral vision care and vision training. Stephen recently celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary with wife, Hope. Stephen is the co-chairman of Jersey Shore OEP Study Group and is a member of AOA and NJOA. He often sees Bob Kempler '74, Art Siegel '74 and Marvin Carus '74.

Classmates Gary Chu '95 & Donald Costello '95 hanging out in Orlando.

Bernetta W. Davis-Poole '75: Baltimore, MD; says she is working hard but loving every moment. Bernetta is looking forward to a vacation in Senegal, West Africa, in early 1997.

Richard D. Houghton '75: Winslow, ME; was one of 150 international eye-care specialists who staffed the Bausch & Lomb Olympic Vision Center at the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta. Richard got a chance to work on a one-to-one basis with some of the world's finest athletes.

Sandra Kantorek '76: Berkeley, NJ; has 3 children: Christopher 17, Heather 15, and Amy 4. Sany keeps in touch with Pat Packard '76 and attended her 20th year class reunion during the Alumni Weekend in October.

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1996 graduates Charles Maggio & Kim Ciampa.

Randolph Brooks '77: Succasunna, NJ; is married and has 3 children: Doug 18, Larry 16, and Ryan 14. Randolph works in a private practice and is the president elect of the NJOA. He is also the president of Vision Care Consultants of NJ and lectures frequently on third party issues.

David J. Caban '77: Bedford, NH; is the president and owner of Manchester Eye Associates and works with Randy Williams '93. His wife, Diane, is active in the practice's bookkeeping and administration. David has 3 children: Michael 17, Christine 14, and David 9. He is a member of AOA, NHOA, APHA, NHPHA.

Nancy Carlson '77: Cambridge, MA; completed the second edition of *Clinical Procedures for Ocular Examination* which was published in 1996. Nancy also wrote Chapter 3: Hyperopia, in the book titled "Refractive Management of Ametropia."

Paul R. Niemi '77: Fitchburg, MA; presented two papers on vision at the International Society of Technology for Development's Modeling in Gold Coast, Australia. David recalls he used to bring his daughter, Becky, to class with him. Today, Rebecca is married to husband, David.

Yves J. Alloucherie '79: Brooklyn, NY; is a member of AOA and a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry.

Celia Hinrichs '79: Sudbury, MA; last year moved her practice to the lower level of her house. Celia and her family travel each year to Boothbay Harbor, ME. She continues to lecture on the optometric needs of exceptional children. Celia is the chairperson of the OEP Regional Clinical Seminar. She keeps in contact with her close friend Donna Gavin '79.

Peter Kolbay '79: Salt Lake City, UT; reports that Henry Bogen '79 has decided to go west and join his practice. Peter plans to spend more time skiing, hiking, and traveling. He is looking forward to the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

1980's

Dennis P. Harrison '80: Chester, PA; enjoys writing about the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle and books on light and living matter. Dennis is finishing up a manuscript concerning the optics and reflection of light from the Egyptian Pyramids.

Arthur Weinwurm '80: Boca Raton, FL; is practicing optometry in Florida since moving there 7 years ago. Arthur is married to Ann and has 2 sons: Joshua 10 and Eric 5 1/2. He is in close contact with several classmates and other alumni.

Steven Rafalowsky '81: Glastonbury, CT; has 2 daughters: Alison 11 and Julie 9. Steven says he still gets into trouble with classmates Bob Palozej '81 and Seth Seidel '81, who still call him "Boris." He enjoys private practice and is a lyme disease consultant for America On Line. He is also a consultant at three nursing homes and serves on the Political Action Committee of the Connecticut Association of Optometrists.

Seth Seidel '81: Ellington, CT; is married to wife, Lynn, and has 2 children: Ben and Alex. Seth has a private practice in Windsor Locks, CT.

James A. Bourgeois '82: Davis, CA; received an MD in '89 and is the Chief of Consultation in Psychiatry at the David Grant Medical Center. James is an assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of California. He and his wife, Kathleen, have a 6 year-old son, Emile.

Charles N. Griffen '83: Exton, PA; celebrated his 10th year in solo practice. Charles and his wife, Diana, have 3 children: Trevor, Jessica, and Emily. He was the past president of the Chester-Delaware Optometric Society and is presently a board member of his local American Diabetes Association Chapter.

International graduates Caroline Histed '94 & Samira Soro '93 with Dr. Bina Patel, Director of International Programs.

Jack McIntyre '84: Corpus Christi, TX; celebrated the birth of his daughter, Kelsey, on Sept. 8, 1996. Jack is a member of AOA, TOA and is on the TOA Corporate Relations Committee.

Renee (Caron) Whelan '84: Scarborough, ME; opened her own practice August '96 with associate Anne Louise Goulet '92. Renee has 2 children: Ryan 5 and Grace 15 months old.

R. Craig Evans '85: Spencerport, NY; recently began working in an ophthalmology practice. Craig has 2 children: Corey 9 and Lindsey 5 1/2.

Craig Small '85: Caribou, ME; bought his father, Dr. Ogden Small's practice. His wife, Jane, is also involved in the practice as an office manager, accountant, and optician. Craig has two daughters, Abby 5 and Paige 2 1/2. He was formerly on the Maine State Optometric Board.

Denise Thomas Wilcox '85: Doylestown, PA; specializes in low vision and practices in 4 different offices: Doylestown, Levittown, Norristown, and Bethlehem. Denise is a member of AOA and POA.

Class Notes

Jill Caporelli '86: Somerton, AZ; opened her own practice in Oct. '95 in Yuma, AZ. Prior to that, she worked for the US Public Health Service and became Lt. Commander. Jill and her husband took a scuba diving trip to Palau for world class diving. She is a member of AOA, AZOA, AMA auxiliary and the Professional Business Women's Assoc.

Alumni Peter Malatesta '76, Madeline Aurelia, Mary Scott '68, Tony Cavallerano '72, & Fernando Hidalgo Cruz '87 at the Orlando Alumni Reception in December.

Charles Cyr '86: Underhill, VT; has a practice which specializes in primary care/ contact lenses. Charles recently hired a vision therapist, which gives a potential new direction for the practice. Charles also became therapeutic certified and has a new emerging interest in behavioral optometry. He and his wife, Abbie, have 3 children. They enjoy horseback riding and skiing.

David Huebner '86: Hampton Falls, NH; is working in a group practice doing primary care, contact lenses, and low vision. He recently expanded to a third office with a total of 3 MD's and 2 OD's. David enjoys serving on NHOA's Board of Directors, where he sees classmate Brian Weber '86. He and his wife, Pam, have a son, Andrew 8 and twins: Eric and Meghan 6. His family stays in close contact with Phil Sutherland '86.

David A. Mitchell '86: Fort Kent, ME; has a private practice and 3 children. David recently started a surfacing lab.

Rosalie Reszelbach '86: Newton, MA; has been working for Cambridge Eye the past 10 years. Rosalie has a 7 year old son, who is in 2nd grade. She and her family have been enjoying their new home.

Theresa L. Bacaris '87: Sound Beach, NY; is working part-time while raising her 2 year old daughter. Last summer, Theresa and her family traveled to Disney World.

Lynn M. Brandes-Arons '87: Sharon, MA; works part-time. Lynn and her husband, David, have a son, Joshua.

Craig Brotsky '87: Chestnut Hill, MA; has a practice in Norwood, MA. He has been married for 14 years and has 2 children: Jamie 4 and Jeffrey 2. Craig is currently vice-president of the College alumni board. Craig says he has been out of touch with many of his friends and would like to send a special hello to Kevin, Chip, Dave, Laura, and Paul.

Paul Hoolahan '87: Allison Park, PA; is very busy between running his 2 offices and helping his wife, Susan, raise their triplets. Erin Delaney, Casey Alysse and Paul Joseph. Paul is a member of AOA and POA, and was involved in the effort to bring TPA to Pennsylvania.

Sherri R. Maxwell '87: Wetumpka, AZ; is a Major in the US Air Force. Sherri got married in May '96 to Major Thomas L. Duquette. She is a member of the Armed Forces Optometric Society and VOSH.

Salvatore Musumeci '87: Tampa, FL; is married and has 3 boys. Sal is the Director of Omega Health Systems. He also became a fellow of the Academy last year and is presently vice-president for his local society.

Thomas Tomasik '87: Newburyport, MA; is a partner in a private practice specializing in contact lenses. Tom and his wife, Sue, have a son, Daniel.

Peter A. Remillard '88: Cheshire, CT; He and wife, Wendy, have 2 daughters: Amanda 1 1/2 and Alicia 1 month. Peter is a partner in a private practice.

Elizabeth Ryan '88: Enfield, CT; is the Clinical Director of a company that services skilled nursing and rehabilitation facilities. Liz is the Western District MSO Chairperson and is a member of MSO and AOA.

Ann Slocum Edmonds '89: Portland, OR; She and husband, Tom, had a baby boy, Alexander George Edmonds. Ann is an Assistant Adjunct professor at Pacific University College of Optometry and President of VOSH in Oregon.

Alumnus Gerry Melore '68 with friends Larry Thibos & David Still.

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Jeanne Hopkins '91: Quincy, MA; is living and working in her hometown of Quincy, MA. Jeanne has 2 boys: Christopher 2 and Timothy 1.

Stephanie Paris-Whitney '91: Waltham, MA; has a private practice in downtown Boston. Stephanie and husband, Jeff, celebrated the birth of their first child, Elizabeth, in August.

Marie Tartibi '91: Oviedo, FL; bought and remodeled a 42-year-old practice last year.

Class Notes

Aileen Wills Heaston '91: Fort Wayne, IN; opened a private practice in 1995. Aileen and her husband celebrated the birth of their first child, Ciana, in May.

Nancy (Bisci) Iacono '92: Rumford, RI; she and husband, David, had a baby girl, Elisabeth, born last April. Nancy is busy being a full-time working mother.

Charles R. Fox '92: Baltimore, MD; is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. Charles coordinates monthly community screenings.

ODIV Irene Mestito, James Walters '74, & Frank Kozol '48 at the Academy reception.

Todd Gershenow '92: Tinton Falls, NJ; was recently married. Todd has 2 practices, plus a wholesale optical lab in NJ and is in the process of acquiring a third office.

Monica Martocci '92: Emmaus, PA; was married in May 1996. Monica is an associate in a private practice with 2 office locations.

Patti A. Richard '92: Methuen, MA; has a family practice. Patti has 2 daughters: Alexa Rose 2 and Ashley 4 months.

Lisa Sullivan Tascione '92: Aberdeen, NJ; is married and moved to New Jersey. Lisa has 2 daughters, Christina 2 and Alyssa 3 months old. She is currently working part-time.

Beth Blair Chenier '93: Groton, CT; practices part-time while caring for her first child, Christina Louise, born March 1996. Beth frequently sees alumni at the COA meetings.

Alan N. Glazier '93: Rockville, MD; has a private practice. Alan is a candidate for fellowship in the Academy. He corresponds with Tony Favale '93.

Dena Hall '93: Greenville, RI; was married last year and works in a group practice. Dena is a member of AOA and RIOA.

Michelle Kozlowski '93: Fredonia, NY; gave birth to her third child, Michael Robert, last June. Michelle is currently working in an ophthalmology practice.

Kurt Tichy '93: Derby, CT; and wife, Sharon, are celebrating the birth of their first child, Kyle Joseph, last September. Kurt works in a group practice and is a member of AOA and CAO.

S. Nelson Jun '94: Laguna Niguel, CA; survived his first year in private practice. Nelson would like to send a special hello to all his classmates.

Sheiva L. Pousti '94: La Jolla, CA; was married on Dec. 27, 1996. Sheiva is a member of the National Eye Research Foundation and is a fellow of the AAO.

Charles D. Coe '95: Colorado Springs, CO; recently returned from South Korea after spending a year with the 2nd Infantry Division of the US Army. Charles says it was optometry at its fullest scope, since the nearest ophthalmologist was 3 hours away. Charles is now assigned to an Army hospital in Colorado Springs, CO.

ODII Glara Yi, Kathleen Krenzer '90, Charles Leahy '87, Jean Mahoney, & Paul Hyder '90 get together for a great time at the College's Alumni Reception in Orlando.

Richard Hartwell '95: Louisville, KY; has a private practice in Ft. Knox.

Jo Ann Talbot '95: Sea Girt, NJ; joined a practice in central NJ after completing a residency in pediatrics at PCO. Jo Ann practices pediatrics, vision therapy, and contact lenses.

Teresa L. Stone '95: Waltham, MA; completed a VA residency this summer. Teresa is an Assistant Professor at the College. She presented a poster at the SECO and NECO '96 meetings.

Bruce Yang '95: Monsey, NY; served as an optometric clinical consultant for several vision care facilities in NYC and lower Hudson Valley areas. Bruce also donates his time to provide free eye care services to financially disadvantaged individuals.

Keith P. Andrews '96: Seekonk, MA; recently opened his own practice.

Shari Cohen '96: Bayside, NY; recently married an optometrist, Jeff Berman, and now works for an HMO in Queens and at a Medical Center in Manhattan, NY.

Congratulations!

Kirsten Jones, '96, O.D., Receives Vistakon's Award of Excellence

Vistakon, a division of Johnson & Johnson Vision Products, Inc., has recognized top optometry graduates with the "Vistakon Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care." The award consists of a plaque and a check for $1,000. Dr. Kirsten Jones '96, is one of nineteen graduates who received the award in 1996. Congratulations Kirsten!

In Memory

The College sadly acknowledges the passing of the following:

I. E. Bergeron '41
Maria Font '42
Aram S. Gulezian '34
Vernon S. Plummer '39
Joel B. Spiegler '56

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